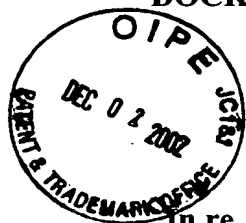


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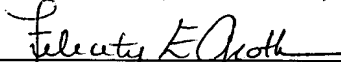
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This is in response to the Official Action dated October 23, 2002, issued in connection with the above-identified application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following.

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please amend claims 8 and 11 as follows:

8. (Amended Five Times) A composition comprising a cellular [hosts] host transformed by a heterologous DNA sequence substantially free of cellular hosts that do not